

SUNDAY, February 2, 2025 EPIPHANY4 Tools to Build things up in Love”

Jeremiah 1:4-10 | Corinthians 13: 1-13 John 13: 34-35

Tool boxes are great-- and each person that has a toolbox and puts different things in it

Examples

Electrician-- voltmeter-- checks the voltage

Plumber -wrench

Cleaners- cloths, squirt bottles of cleaning chemicals

Carpenter- hammer drill

Navigator- pilots-- GPS, maps, compass

Kids- backpacks- what's in your backpack to go to school--lunch, shoes, pencils, paper, laptops etc

Everyone has a tool kit that is not just about what we work with as in physical tools.

We have other kinds of tools.

Let's look in this tool box to see what there is

Patient, kind, rejoices in the truth, bears all things, believes all things endures all things,

Not envious or boastful, not irritable or resentful, never fails

Jesus said Love one another as I have loved you. Why- because people will know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another.

Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Sparks, Embers Guides all have tool boxes too!

For if you look at what your promises state:

Be kind , caring, work hard, help family and friends

Love and serve God, good turns for others, do your best, help others.

Be helpful, trustworthy, kind and cheerful, wise use of resources

Take action for a better world,

To be true to oneself, respect

What is in your toolbox?

What do you need to carry with you-- remembering what Jesus said, 'love one another'

And fulfill the promises you make as you continue to grow up and be the people God wants you to be.

Remember the toolbox as you reach out to help others and love them as Jesus taught!

PRAYER

God we thank you for the tools that you give to each of us as we grow up and learn more about this world and you as Creator.

Help us to love others and to take action for a better world.

Hear us as we pray. Amen.